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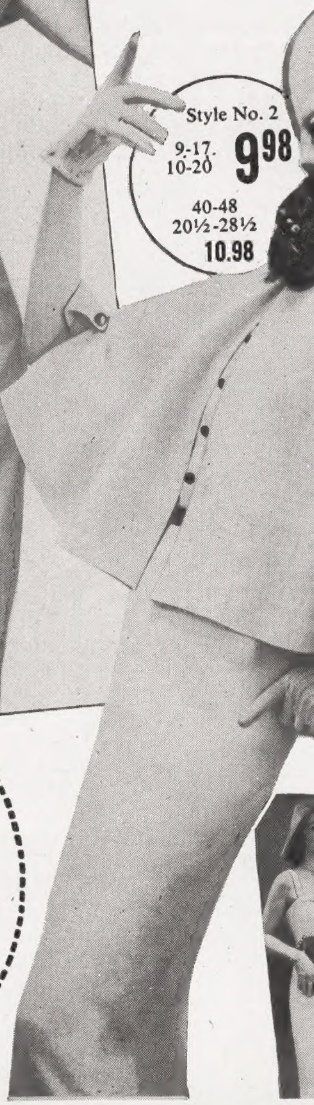
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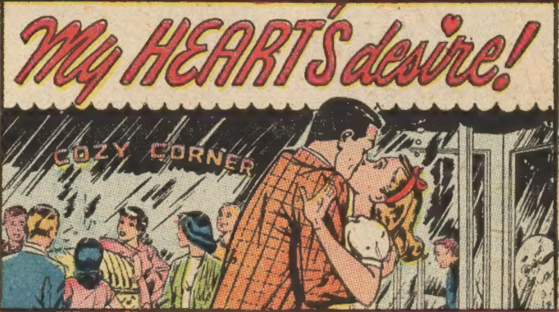
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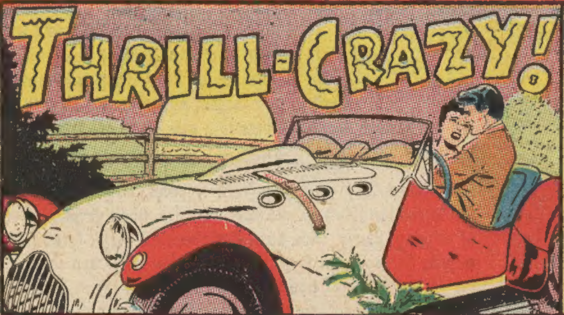
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HOW LONG COULD SHE GO ON LIVING A *LIE?* HOW LONG COULD SHE CONTINUE TO *BETRAY* HIS LOVE? AND WHAT WOULD HE *DO* TO HER WHEN HE FOUND OUT??

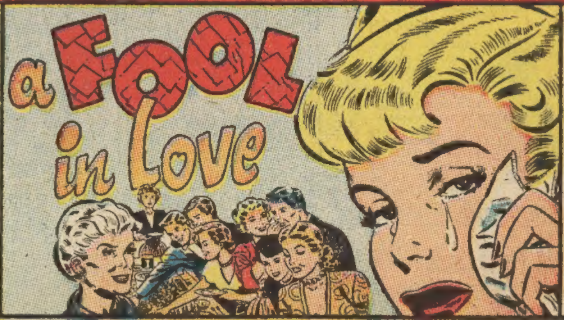
SHE KNEW SHE WAS GAMBLING...SHE KNEW HOW HIGH THE STAKES WERE... BUT SHE WAS WILLING TO RISK *EVERYTHING*, NEVER DREAMING SHE MIGHT *LOSE!*



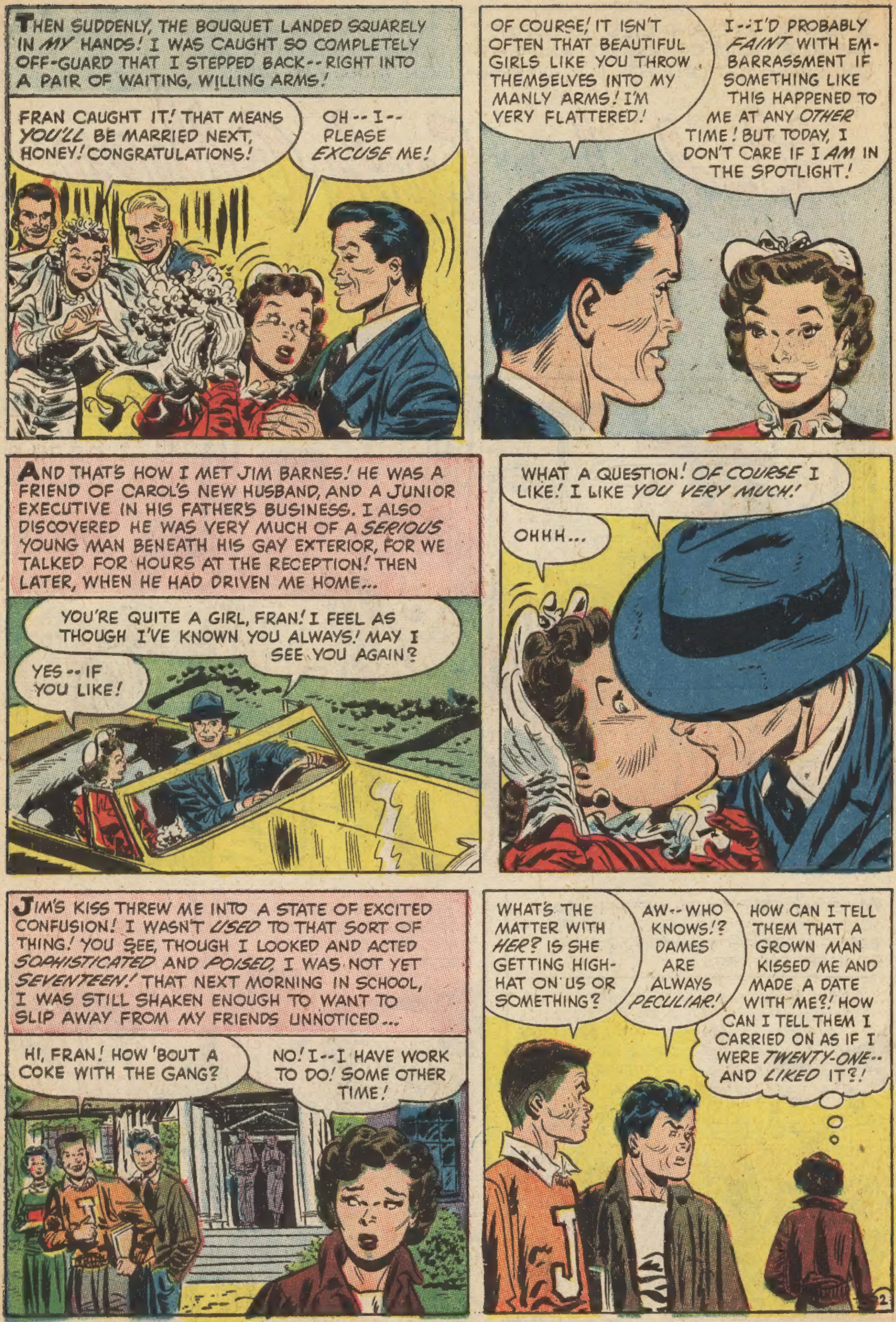


PASSION POSSESSED HER... DESIRE TORMENTED HER... *NOTHING* WAS TOO DARING, NOTHING TOO RECKLESS IN HER WILD, HUNGRY LUST FOR *THRILLS!!*

ALL HER LIFE SHE'D BEEN LONELY, UNLOVED, UNWANTED ...THEN ALONG CAME DAVE WHO GAVE HER *LOVE*, BUT WHO DEMANDED SO TERRIBLY, HUMILIATINGLY *MUCH* IN RETURN!!




I WANTED LOVE, AND LIED TO GET IT! I DIDN'T KNOW THAT HAPPINESS HAS TO BE BUILT ON HONESTY! AND BY THE TIME I FOUND OUT IT WAS TOO LATE--TOO LATE FOR FORGIVENESS--EVEN THOUGH WE WERE...
Made for Each Other
FRAN! YOU LIED TO ME! YOU'VE BEEN LYING TO ME ALL ALONG! I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU FOR IT--NEVER!!
NO, JIM! NO! PLEASE--GIVE ME ANOTHER CHANCE! I'VE NEVER LIED ABOUT MY LOVE FOR YOU--THAT WAS ALWAYS THE TRUTH! PLEASE, JIM... LISTEN TO ME...!
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A True Hi-School Romance
MY STORY STARTS WITH A ROMANCE, AND YOU'LL SEE WHY. I HAD BEEN INVITED TO MY BEST GIRLFRIEND'S WEDDING, AND I WAS SO HAPPY FOR HER...
...I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU MAN AND WIFE!
SHE'S SO BEAUTIFUL! I HOPE I'LL LOOK HALF AS PRETTY THE DAY I GET MARRIED --IF I EVER DO!
I HOPE THESE FLOWERS WILL BRING SOMEONE ELSE THE HAPPINESS THEY'VE BROUGHT ME! CATCH!
CAROL WAS LOOKING AT ME WHEN SHE SAID THAT! I'LL.

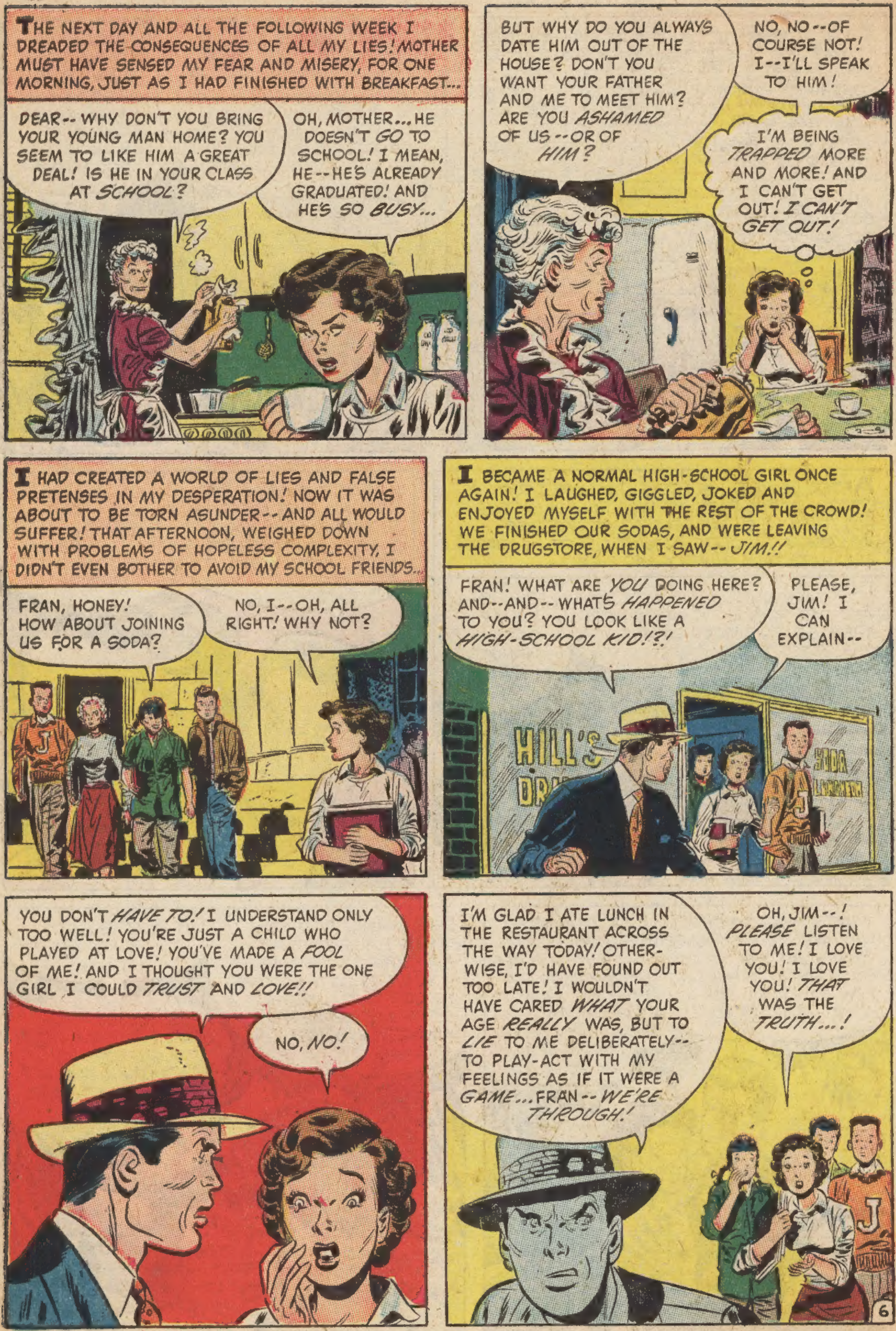

THEN SUDDENLY, THE BOUQUET LANDED SQUARELY IN MY HANDS! I WAS CAUGHT SO COMPLETELY OFF-GUARD THAT I STEPPED BACK--RIGHT INTO A PAIR OF WAITING, WILLING ARMS!
FRAN CAUGHT IT! THAT MEANS YOU'LL BE MARRIED NEXT, HONEY! CONGRATULATIONS!
OH--I--PLEASE EXCUSE ME!
OF COURSE! IT ISN'T OFTEN THAT BEAUTIFUL GIRLS LIKE YOU THROW THEMSELVES INTO MY MANLY ARMS! I'M VERY FLATTERED!
I--I'D PROBABLY FAINT WITH EMBARRASSMENT IF SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAPPENED TO ME AT ANY OTHER TIME! BUT TODAY, I DON'T CARE IF I AM IN THE SPOTLIGHT!
AND THAT'S HOW I MET JIM BARNES! HE WAS A FRIEND OF CAROL'S NEW HUSBAND, AND A JUNIOR EXECUTIVE IN HIS FATHER'S BUSINESS. I ALSO DISCOVERED HE WAS VERY MUCH OF A SERIOUS YOUNG MAN BENEATH HIS GAY EXTERIOR, FOR WE TALKED FOR HOURS AT THE RECEPTION! THEN LATER, WHEN HE HAD DRIVEN ME HOME...
YOU'RE QUITE A GIRL, FRAN! I FEEL AS THOUGH I'VE KNOWN YOU ALWAYS! MAY I SEE YOU AGAIN?
YES--IF YOU LIKE!
WHAT A QUESTION! OF COURSE I LIKE! I LIKE YOU VERY MUCH!
OHHH...
JIM'S KISS THREW ME INTO A STATE OF EXCITED CONFUSION! I WASN'T USED TO THAT SORT OF THING! YOU SEE, THOUGH I LOOKED AND ACTED SOPHISTICATED AND POISED, I WAS NOT YET SEVENTEEN! THAT NEXT MORNING IN SCHOOL, I WAS STILL SHAKEN ENOUGH TO WANT TO SLIP AWAY FROM MY FRIENDS UNNOTICED...
HI, FRAN! HOW 'BOUT A COKE WITH THE GANG?
NO! I--I HAVE WORK TO DO! SOME OTHER TIME!
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH HER? IS SHE GETTING HIGH-HAT ON US OR SOMETHING?
AW--WHO KNOWS!? DAMES ARE ALWAYS PECULIAR!
HOW CAN I TELL THEM THAT A GROWN MAN KISSED ME AND MADE A DATE WITH ME?! HOW CAN I TELL THEM I CARRIED ON AS IF I WERE TWENTY-ONE--AND LIKED IT?!


I HAD BEEN SO FASCINATED BY JIM BARNES, THAT I HAD CAREFULLY AVOIDED TELLING HIM MY TRUE AGE! HE'D NEVER HAVE GONE OUT WITH ME! I HAD TALKED AND ACTED IN MY MOST MATURE FASHION, AND I KNEW HE THOUGHT I WAS MUCH OLDER! A FEW NIGHTS LATER, I MET HIM IN TOWN -- NOT DARING TO LET HIM CALL FOR ME AT HOME...
HELLO THERE, BEAUTIFUL! YOU LOOK POSITIVELY RADIANT TONIGHT!
THANK YOU, JIM! I HOPED YOU'D LIKE WHAT I'M WEARING!
WE LAUGHED AND JOKED ALL THE WAY TO THE NIGHTCLUB JIM WAS TAKING ME TO. AN HOUR LATER, WE WERE STILL ENJOYING EACH OTHER'S COMPANY TREMENDOUSLY! I ALMOST FORGOT THE DANGEROUS GAME I WAS PLAYING WITH FATE!
HAPPY, HONEY?
OH--SO VERY HAPPY, JIM! I'VE NEVER BEEN IN A NIGHTCLUB BEFORE! I--I MEAN--I'VE NEVER BEEN IN THIS ONE!
HEY, JIM! WHO'S THE GORGEOUS PRINCESS WITH YOU?
DON'T MIND HIM, FRAN! HE'S MIKE WARNER--A PAL OF MINE-- AND NOT REALLY AS OBNOXIOUS AS HE SOUNDS!
MIKE--SUE-- THIS IS FRAN LORRY! I MET HER AT CAROL'S WEDDING!
PLEASED TO MEET YOU!
SAY-- YOU OLD DOG, YOU! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN HIDING THIS FLOWERING BEAUTY? SHE'S LOVELY-- LOVELY-- LOVELY! HA, HA...
I WAS TENSE AND FEARFUL THAT THEY WOULD SEE THROUGH MY FALSENESS. BUT THEY DIDN'T! IN FACT, THEY TREATED ME AS AN EQUAL! I SIGHED WITH RELIEF, AND JOINED WHOLE-HEARTEDLY IN THE FUN! AND WHEN IT WAS TIME TO LEAVE...
GOODNIGHT, FOLKS! DON'T FORGET TO DROP UP TO THE HOUSE REAL SOON! SUE WILL WHIP UP A WHALE OF A DINNER FOR YOU!
HA, HA... OKAY, YOU CHARACTER! WE'LL BE SEEING YOU! SO LONG!
THEY'RE VERY NICE PEOPLE! I ENJOYED THEIR COMPANY! I--I HOPE I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING TO EMBARRASS YOU, JIM!
ON THE CONTRARY! THEY LOVED YOU! MIKE WOULDN'T HAVE INVITED US IF HE HADN'T FALLEN LIKE A TON OF BRICKS FOR YOUR CHARMS!
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I RELAXED COMPLETELY THEN--LIKE A GUILTY CHILD WHO'S STOLEN COOKIES FROM THE KITCHEN JAR AND GOTTEN AWAY WITH IT! IT NEVER ENTERED MY HEAD TO CONFESS TO JIM! I JUST LET HIM TAKE ME IN HIS ARMS AGAIN, MY WHOLE BODY YEARNING FOR THAT SAME THRILL--THAT SAME ECSTASY OF HIS KISS...
DARLING--I WAS PROUD OF YOU TONIGHT! YOU'RE NOT ONLY BEAUTIFUL--BUT YOU'RE WARM, FULL-OF-LIFE, AND SO ADORABLE!
KISS ME, JIM!
I LOVE YOU, DEAREST! I LOVE YOU! I LOVE YOU!
AND AFTERWARDS, IN THE QUIET OF MY OWN ROOM, WITH THE SHADOWS OF NIGHT CARESSING ME TO SLEEP, I DROWSILY THOUGHT OF THE FUTURE WITH JIM. IT WOULD BE SO NICE TO MARRY HIM--SO NICE!
I'LL FORGET MY AGE! I COULDN'T TELL HIM NOW! I'D NEVER BE ABLE TO BEAR IT IF HE LEFT ME! JIM--OH, DARLING... DARLING...
HOW CAN I TELL YOU HOW REALLY HAPPY I WAS DURING THE MANY DAYS AND THE MANY DATES THAT FOLLOWED? IT WAS A SORT OF FAIRY-WONDERLAND COME TRUE! AND I NEVER NEVER WANTED IT TO END...
DARLING--ALL THIS TIME--AND I'VE NEVER EVEN MET YOUR FOLKS! I'D VERY MUCH LIKE TO! I WANT TO TELL THEM WHAT A WONDERFUL DAUGHTER THEY HAVE!
NO, JIM! YOU CAN'T MEET THEM NOW! IT--IT WOULDN'T BE--RIGHT!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND, FRAN! WHY WOULDN'T IT BE RIGHT? DON'T YOU WANT ME TO MEET THEM?
Y-YES, OF COURSE I DO! BUT THEY--UH--THEY'RE GOING AWAY FOR A WHILE! DAD TOOK HIS VACATION EARLY THIS YEAR--THEY'RE LEAVING TOMORROW!


I HAD TO MAKE UP ONE LIE AFTER ANOTHER! IT WAS TOO LATE TO TURN BACK FROM MY DECEIT! BUT JIM SEEMED SATISFIED WITH MY CONTRIVED EXPLANATIONS AND THAT SATURDAY, HE TOOK ME TO MEET HIS OWN PARENTS. MY HEART POUNDED WILDLY-- MY BREATH CAME QUICKLY AND UNEVENLY--THOUGH I TRIED HARD TO APPEAR OUTWARDLY CALM...
AND WHAT SORT OF WORK DO YOU DO, DEAR?
I--I DON'T WORK, MRS. BARNES. I KEEP HOUSE FOR MY MOTHER. SHE'S BEEN SICK RECENTLY, AND I'VE HAD TO HELP!
I'VE HEARD AND SEEN ENOUGH, MY DEAR! NOW I KNOW WHY JIM WANTED US TO MEET YOU! BUT IT'S MUCH TOO BEAUTIFUL A DAY TO BE WASTED ON US OLD FOLKS! YOU TWO GO ALONG OUTSIDE NOW!
OH, MRS. BARNES... I'VE LOVED TALKING TO YOU AND TO MR. BARNES! I'M SO GLAD TO HAVE MET YOU BOTH!
AFTER LEAVING HIS FOLKS, JIM AND I TOOK A STROLL IN THE PARK. HE WAS UNUSUALLY SILENT. BUT THEN, WHEN WE REACHED HIGHSTONE BRIDGE, A FAVORITE ROMANTIC SPOT, HE SUDDENLY BEGAN TO TALK QUIETLY AND FIRMLY...
YOU MADE QUITE A HIT WITH MOM AND DAD, HONEY! I'VE NEVER SEEN THEM SO CAPTIVATED BY ANY GIRL! NEED I SAY MORE?
JIM--I--I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU...!
LATER, DARLING! RIGHT NOW ALL THAT MATTERS IS THAT I LOVE YOU AND I WANT TO MARRY YOU! WE'RE RIGHT FOR EACH OTHER!
OH, JIM! NO! NO! DON'T SAY THAT-- ANYTHING-- BUT NOT THAT!
WHAT'S WRONG, HONEY? WHY ARE YOU SO FRIGHTENED? WHAT'S BOTHERING YOU SO TERRIBLY THESE LAST FEW DAYS? YOU DO LOVE ME, DON'T YOU?
DEAREST--I DO! I DO! BUT--I--PLEASE, JIM...I'VE GOT TO THINK ABOUT IT! WHY, I'M NOT EVEN PREPARED FOR SUCH A THING! THAT IS--IT'S ALL SO SUDDEN!
OKAY, DARLING TAKE YOUR TIME--BUT IF YOU WAIT TOO LONG, I'LL KIDNAP YOU! WE'RE BOTH MATURE ENOUGH TO REALIZE THAT LONG ENGAGEMENTS AREN'T VERY WISE!
IT WILL BE SOON, JIM--I PROMISE YOU!
DEAR LORD--HOW CAN I TELL HIM NOW? BUT SUPPOSE HE SHOULD FIND OUT? WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?
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THE NEXT DAY AND ALL THE FOLLOWING WEEK I DREADED THE CONSEQUENCES OF ALL MY LIES! MOTHER MUST HAVE SENSED MY FEAR AND MISERY, FOR ONE MORNING, JUST AS I HAD FINISHED WITH BREAKFAST...
DEAR-- WHY DON'T YOU BRING YOUR YOUNG MAN HOME? YOU SEEM TO LIKE HIM A GREAT DEAL! IS HE IN YOUR CLASS AT SCHOOL?
OH, MOTHER... HE DOESN'T GO TO SCHOOL! I MEAN, HE--HE'S ALREADY GRADUATED! AND HE'S SO BUSY...
BUT WHY DO YOU ALWAYS DATE HIM OUT OF THE HOUSE? DON'T YOU WANT YOUR FATHER AND ME TO MEET HIM? ARE YOU ASHAMED OF US--OR OF HIM?
NO, NO--OF COURSE NOT! I--I'LL SPEAK TO HIM!
I'M BEING TRAPPED MORE AND MORE! AND I CAN'T GET OUT! I CAN'T GET OUT!
I HAD CREATED A WORLD OF LIES AND FALSE PRETENSES IN MY DESPERATION! NOW IT WAS ABOUT TO BE TORN ASUNDER--AND ALL WOULD SUFFER! THAT AFTERNOON, WEIGHED DOWN WITH PROBLEMS OF HOPELESS COMPLEXITY, I DIDN'T EVEN BOTHER TO AVOID MY SCHOOL FRIENDS...
FRAN, HONEY! HOW ABOUT JOINING US FOR A SODA?
NO, I--OH, ALL RIGHT! WHY NOT?
I BECAME A NORMAL HIGH-SCHOOL GIRL ONCE AGAIN! I LAUGHED, GIGGLED, JOKED AND ENJOYED MYSELF WITH THE REST OF THE CROWD! WE FINISHED OUR SODAS, AND WERE LEAVING THE DRUGSTORE, WHEN I SAW--JIM!!
FRAN! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? AND--AND--WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU? YOU LOOK LIKE A HIGH-SCHOOL KID!?!
PLEASE, JIM! I CAN EXPLAIN--
HILL'S
YOU DON'T HAVE TO! I UNDERSTAND ONLY TOO WELL! YOU'RE JUST A CHILD WHO PLAYED AT LOVE! YOU'VE MADE A FOOL OF ME! AND I THOUGHT YOU WERE THE ONE GIRL I COULD TRUST AND LOVE!!
NO, NO!
I'M GLAD I ATE LUNCH IN THE RESTAURANT ACROSS THE WAY TODAY! OTHERWISE, I'D HAVE FOUND OUT TOO LATE! I WOULDN'T HAVE CARED WHAT YOUR AGE REALLY WAS, BUT TO LIE TO ME DELIBERATELY--TO PLAY-ACT WITH MY FEELINGS AS IF IT WERE A GAME... FRAN--WE'RE THROUGH!
OH, JIM--! PLEASE LISTEN TO ME! I LOVE YOU! I LOVE YOU! THAT WAS THE TRUTH...!
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BUT JIM WALKED AWAY FROM ME AND OUT OF MY LIFE! I DIDN'T CARE HOW THE OTHERS WERE LOOKING AT ME, HOW SHOCKED AND STUNNED THEY WERE! I RAN HOME AS FAST AS MY LEGS COULD CARRY ME AND FLUNG MYSELF ON MY BED. IT WAS THEN THAT I TOLD MOTHER EVERYTHING...
...I--I HAD PLANNED TO GRADUATE FIRST--AND THEN TELL HIM--TELL EVERYONE! PERHAPS IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SO BAD THEN. B-BUT NOW...OH, MOTHER...
THERE, THERE, CHILD! EVERYTHING WILL TURN OUT FOR THE BEST, I'M SURE!
BUT NO AMOUNT OF COMFORT COULD BRING JIM BACK TO ME! DAYS LENGTHENED INTO WEEKS--AND WEEKS INTO MONTHS! I TRIED TO FORGET HIM--TRIED WITH EVERYTHING IN MY POWER. I STUDIED HARD AT NIGHTS, DELIBERATELY OVERWORKED MYSELF... BUT IT WAS NO USE! IT WOULD NEVER BE THE SAME! I FELT I COULDN'T LIVE WITHOUT JIM...
BUT I DID GO ON LIVING, EVEN THOUGH I AGED MORE IN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS THAN I HAD MATURED IN MY ENTIRE LIFE! I STUDIED CONTINUOUSLY, NOW A CHANGED GIRL. FINALLY, IT WAS GRADUATION DAY--AND I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE HAPPY, BUT INWARDLY I WAS STILL HEARTSICK...
"NOW UPWARD IN WONDER, OUR HEARTS PLEDGE THEE ALLEGIANCE, DEAR OLD ALMA MATER..."
WELL--A NEW LIFE IS SUPPOSED TO BEGIN FOR ME NOW! BUT WHAT DO I CARE? I'M DEAD INSIDE! DEAD!
CLAS OF JUNE 52
THE AWARDS WERE PRESENTED, THE SPEECHES MADE, THE CORONATION MARCH PLAYED--AND THEN THE CEREMONY WAS OVER. I WALKED SLOWLY TOWARDS MOTHER AND DAD, TRYING TO MAKE MYSELF SMILE BACK AT THEM, BUT IT WAS USELESS, UNTIL...
DARLING--SOMEONE'S HERE TO SEE YOU!
JIM!!
DEAREST--I THOUGHT THIS GRADUATION DAY WOULD NEVER COME! I'VE HAD PLENTY OF TIME TO THINK IT OVER! I'LL MARRY YOU TOMORROW--IF YOU'LL STILL HAVE ME!
B-BUT I--I DON'T UNDERSTAND--?!
WE CALLED UP JIM AND HIS PARENTS, DEAR. FINDING THEM IN THE PHONE BOOK WASN'T HARD TO DO! WE TOLD THEM EVERYTHING--ESPECIALLY HOW MUCH YOU REALLY LOVED HIM!
AND THEN I REALIZED HOW MUCH I REALLY LOVED YOU! FORGIVE ME FOR BEING SUCH A HOT-HEADED FOOL, SWEETHEART!
OH, JIM--I'LL SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE MAKING UP FOR THOSE LIES I TOLD YOU! DEAREST! DEAREST!
THAT'S MY DAUGHTER WHO'S KISSING YOUR BOY, MR. BARNES!
SHE'S OUR DAUGHTER NOW, TOO, MR. LORRY!
AND WITH JIM'S LIPS ON MINE, I KNEW THAT DREAMS COME TRUE AFTER ALL! MY STORY HAD STARTED WITH A WEDDING--AND NOW IT WOULD END WITH ONE!
The End.

PRICE TAG ON *Love*

I could hardly believe it when I got the job. When I'd answered the newspaper ad for a part-time secretary, of course I hadn't had any idea who my prospective employer might be. You could have knocked me over with a feather when the letter, requesting a personal interview and signed J. Walker Matthews, arrived. J. Walker Matthews was just about the wealthiest, most influential, most powerful man in town!

Needless to say, my heart was in my mouth when I went for that interview. But Mr. Matthews was unexpectedly kind. "You're exactly what I want, Jeannie," he told me, "a young hi-schooler who's willing to learn to do things my way. I have a whole battery of experienced secretaries down at the office. What I need now is a *personal* stenographer to do light work here at my home. The job's yours — if you want it!"

If I wanted it! If I wanted a glimpse of another world, another life, different from anything I'd ever known! I could only nod my head, too overwhelmed to speak. And so it all began . . .

I met Paul the very first day I went to work. "This is my son, Paul," Mr. Matthews said casually. "Paul, say hello to Jeannie Wilson, my new secretary."

I looked up into the brightest pair of blue eyes I'd ever seen. Paul Matthews was tall and fair and not handsome, but there was *something* — something in those blue eyes that tore at my heart. There was kindness and gentleness — and a hint of powerful, urgent, smoldering passions! I think I fell in love with him in that one split second!

Later — several weeks later — Paul told me he'd reacted to me the same way! But in the beginning it was all very casual . . . an offer to walk me home when my duties were finished . . . an invitation to share a cup of coffee or a soda . . . a smile, a friendly nod of encouragement when I was tired . . . little, precious things like that that crept into my heart and nestled there!

Then the day came, finally, when he asked me out on a *real* date. We went dancing at the swank Cathay Club. I'd always dreamed of going there, but somehow it didn't seem to matter now. As long as I was with Paul, I would have been just as ecstatic about a walk in the park! I guess he knew it, too. For it was while we were dancing that he whispered, "I'm mad about you, Jeannie! You're the most wonderful, most adorable, most beautiful girl in the world."

"Oh, Paul!" I breathed. "Paul . . . darling . . . I love you so!"

We danced through the open doors, out into the Chinese gardens. And there, in the fragrant darkness, he kissed me for the first time — a kiss that was heaven and earth and the whole great, glittering universe rolled into one! "Marry me, Jeannie!" he gasped. "Marry me right away!" Tears of pure joy streaked my face as I nodded, "Yes . . ."

But when we told Mr. Matthews about it the next day, all my joy turned to bitter despair. Paul's father said the most terrible, unbelievable things! "Fortune-hunter, gold-digger, cheap, scheming little floozie" were just a few of the things he called me. "But I'll spike your guns right now!" he ranted. "If you marry my son, I'll disinherit him, disown him! I'll cut him off without a cent! How would you like that, eh?"

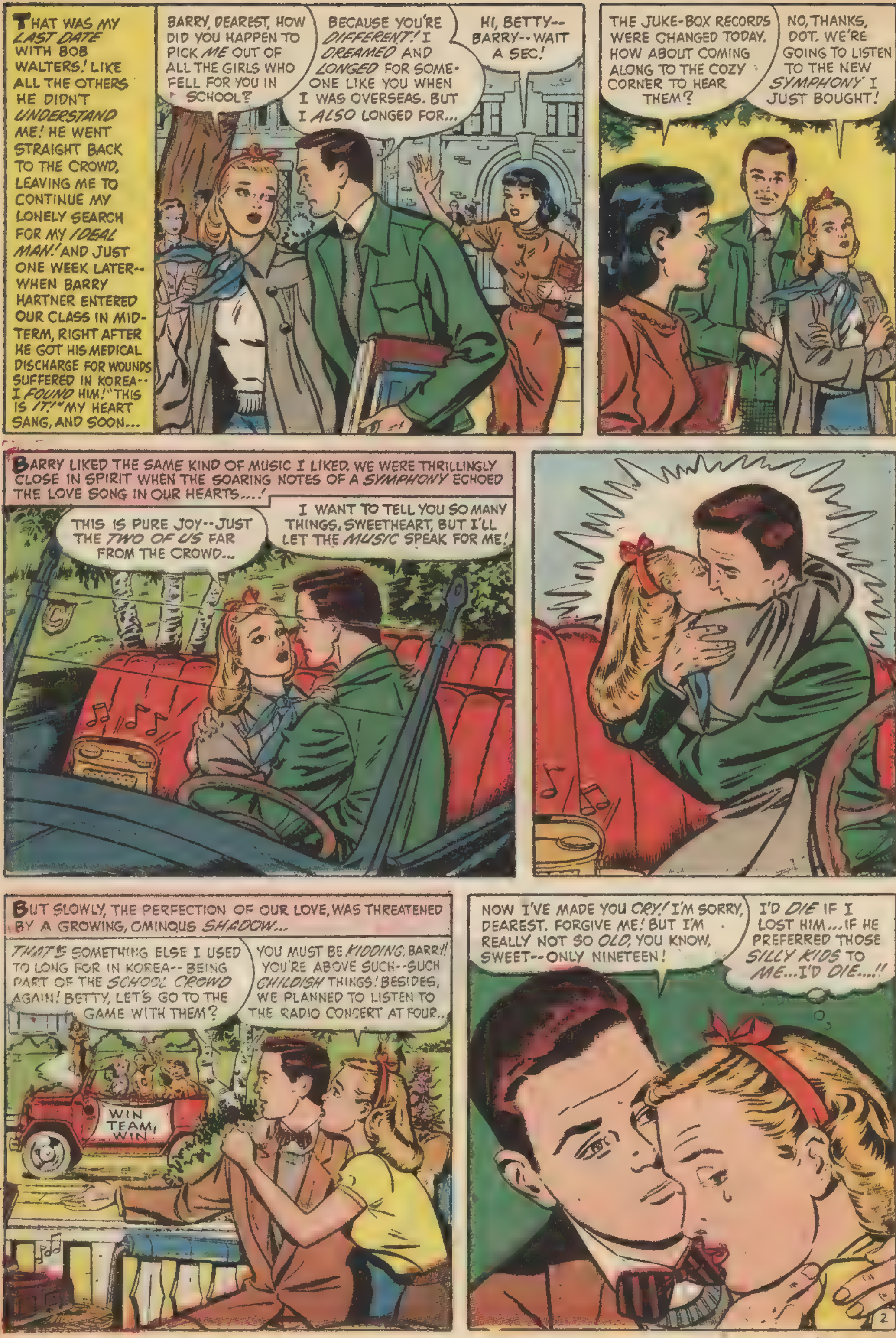
I don't know where I found the courage to answer. "I love Paul, Mr. Matthews. I don't love you or your money. What you choose to do with it is no concern of mine. It's entirely up to Paul. If he still wants me, I'm his — with all my heart and soul!"

"I'll want you forever, my dearest!" Paul said chokingly. His hand clasped mine, warm and sure. "Let's go, Jeannie. Goodbye, Dad!"

Mr. Matthews' voice stopped us at the door. "Come back!" he called. "Come back, and — forgive me . . . my *children!*" He was crying . . .



IF ONLY MY RIVAL HAD BEEN ANOTHER GIRL, I MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FIGHT BACK! BUT INSTEAD, MY ARCH-ENEMY WAS MYSELF! ONLY I DIDN'T KNOW THAT! I DIDN'T REALIZE THE STRANGENESS, THE WICKEDNESS OF...
My HEART'S desire!
COZY COR
THIS IS EITHER THE BEGINNING OF OUR LOVE--OR THE END!
I'LL LOSE HIM NOW... AFTER EVERYTHING I'VE DONE TO HOLD HIM!
COZY CORNER
A True HI-School Romance
YOU'LL FIND IT HARD TO UNDERSTAND WHY I ACTED AS I DID IN MY LAST YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL. BUT I WAS SINCERE! I HONESTLY BELIEVED I WAS DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER GIRLS! I KNEW THEY RESENTED ME BUT I DIDN'T CARE...
THERE GOES BETTY MARVIN, THE LONE WOLF!
I WENT ON A COUPLE OF THOSE LET'S-BE-ALONE DATES WITH HER! BOY, WAS I GLAD TO GET BACK HERE WITH THE CROWD! I'LL BET BOB WILL BE, TOO, WHEN HE GETS A LOAD OF HER "SENSITIVE SOUL" ROUTINE!
LISTENING TO CLASSICAL RECORDS IS SOMETHING NEW TO ME--BUT SO ARE YOU, BETTY! YOU'RE SO DIFFERENT...
I'M A SENSITIVE SOUL, DESTINED FOR THE FINER THINGS IN LIFE, BOB! AND I KEEP SEARCHING FOR THE PERFECT PARTNER--SO WE CAN BE ALONE TOGETHER IN QUIET ECSTASY!!


THAT WAS MY LAST DATE WITH BOB WALTERS! LIKE ALL THE OTHERS HE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND ME! HE WENT STRAIGHT BACK TO THE CROWD, LEAVING ME TO CONTINUE MY LONELY SEARCH FOR MY IDEAL MAN! AND JUST ONE WEEK LATER-- WHEN BARRY HARTNER ENTERED OUR CLASS IN MID-TERM, RIGHT AFTER HE GOT HIS MEDICAL DISCHARGE FOR WOUNDS SUFFERED IN KOREA-- I FOUND HIM! "THIS IS IT!" MY HEART SANG, AND SOON...
BARRY, DEAREST, HOW DID YOU HAPPEN TO PICK ME OUT OF ALL THE GIRLS WHO FELL FOR YOU IN SCHOOL?
BECAUSE YOU'RE DIFFERENT! I DREAMED AND LONGED FOR SOMEONE LIKE YOU WHEN I WAS OVERSEAS. BUT I ALSO LONGED FOR...
HI, BETTY-- BARRY-- WAIT A SEC!
THE JUKE-BOX RECORDS WERE CHANGED TODAY. HOW ABOUT COMING ALONG TO THE COZY CORNER TO HEAR THEM?
NO, THANKS, DOT. WE'RE GOING TO LISTEN TO THE NEW SYMPHONY I JUST BOUGHT!
BARRY LIKED THE SAME KIND OF MUSIC I LIKED. WE WERE THRILLINGLY CLOSE IN SPIRIT WHEN THE SOARING NOTES OF A SYMPHONY ECHOED THE LOVE SONG IN OUR HEARTS...!
THIS IS PURE JOY--JUST THE TWO OF US FAR FROM THE CROWD...
I WANT TO TELL YOU SO MANY THINGS, SWEETHEART, BUT I'LL LET THE MUSIC SPEAK FOR ME!
BUT SLOWLY, THE PERFECTION OF OUR LOVE, WAS THREATENED BY A GROWING, OMINOUS SHADOW...
THAT'S SOMETHING ELSE I USED TO LONG FOR IN KOREA-- BEING PART OF THE SCHOOL CROWD AGAIN! BETTY, LET'S GO TO THE GAME WITH THEM?
YOU MUST BE KIDDING, BARRY! YOU'RE ABOVE SUCH--SUCH CHILDISH THINGS! BESIDES, WE PLANNED TO LISTEN TO THE RADIO CONCERT AT FOUR..
WIN TEAM, WIN!
NOW I'VE MADE YOU CRY! I'M SORRY, DEAREST. FORGIVE ME! BUT I'M REALLY NOT SO OLD, YOU KNOW, SWEET--ONLY NINETEEN!
I'D DIE IF I LOST HIM... IF HE PREFERRED THOSE SILLY KIDS TO ME... I'D DIE...!!



THAT WASN'T THE FIRST TIME BARRY HAD TOLD ME HOW HE LONGED TO BE YOUNG AGAIN, TO BE PART OF THE CROWD, TO FORGET THE BITTER MEMORIES OF WAR AND SUFFERING! SO I HAD TO BE CONSTANTLY ON GUARD, CONSTANTLY READY TO MEET EACH NEW THREAT TO MY HAPPINESS...
I'M CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE TO WORK OUT PLANS FOR FACULTY-STUDENT DAY. HOW ABOUT COMING TO OUR MEETING AFTER SCHOOL AND WORKING WITH US?
THANKS FOR ASKING ME, DOT! I'D LOVE...
BARRY, DON'T FORGET OUR DATE AT THREE O'CLOCK TO SEE THE MODERN ART EXHIBIT AT THE LIBRARY!
WASN'T IT SWELL OF DOT TO ASK ME TO BE ON THAT COMMITTEE?
HOW CAN YOU BE SO BLIND! THAT'S ONLY HER WAY OF TRYING TO SNAG YOUR INTEREST-- SO SHE CAN LURE YOU INTO A DATE! SHE DOES IT ALL THE TIME!
LIBRARY
THAT PICTURE LEAVES ME COLD! I'D RATHER LOOK AT THE COKE ADS IN THE COZY CORNER!
I THOUGHT HE HAD FORGOTTEN ABOUT THAT JUKE JOINT AND THE CROWD!
YOU'RE RIGHT, DARLING-- THIS ABSTRACT ART HAS NO FEELING! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE--LET'S WALK DOWN TO THE RIVER.
TELL ME THE TRUTH, BETTY-- WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO KEEP ME AWAY FROM THE CROWD?
THAT'S RIDICULOUS! YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU WANT! I ONLY KNOW THAT THEIR LIVES ARE FOOLISH AND EMPTY, AND I CAN'T IMAGINE YOU AS ONE OF THEM!
I WONDER IF I AM SO DIFFERENT...
DARLING, YOU FRIGHTEN ME WHEN YOU LOOK AND TALK LIKE THAT! I LOVE YOU, BARRY-- ONLY YOU! AND I UNDERSTAND YOU...!
I'VE JUST DECIDED SOMETHING! I'M GOING TO THE COZY CORNER! I'M GOING TO LISTEN TO THE JUKE-BOX AND MAKE SMALL TALK--AND GET LOST IN THE CROWD! ARE YOU COMING WITH ME?
I--(SOB)--I DON'T KNOW!


JANE'S CUT RATE DRUGS
WAIT, BARRY! I DO WANT TO GO WITH YOU! DON'T WALK SO FAST! IT'S ALMOST AS IF YOU'RE RUNNING AWAY FROM ME--FROM OUR LOVE!
COZY CORNER
THIS IS EITHER THE BEGINNING OF OUR REAL LOVE--OR THE END! THERE'S SOMEONE I WANT TO SEE--SOMEONE WHO'LL SET ME STRAIGHT ON A FEW QUESTIONS I HAVE!
PANIC SEIZED ME! WHAT DID BARRY MEAN? IN DESPERATION MY MOUTH SOUGHT HIS--TO STILL THOSE OMINOUS WORDS, TO FEEL ONCE MORE THE THRILL OF HIS TOUCH! BUT A STRANGE BRUTALITY MADE THAT KISS AGONY! AND SECONDS LATER, BEFORE I COULD CATCH MY BREATH...
YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS! TO WHAT DO WE OWE THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE?
THE QUEEN DEIGNS TO MINGLE WITH THE MOB!
SKIP IT, GANG! WE'VE BEEN WAITING WEEKS TO WELCOME BARRY HERE, SO DON'T SPOIL IT!
ALL THE TIME I THOUGHT THEY DIDN'T WANT ME, IT WAS YOU WHO KEPT ME FROM THEM! YOU KNEW HOW MUCH I WANTED TO GET BACK TO A NORMAL LIFE, BUT YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE TOO GOOD FOR THAT! YOU LIED ABOUT EVERYTHING--ABOUT LOVING ME, ABOUT DOT'S MOTIVES, ABOUT...
NO, DARLING, NO! I DO LOVE YOU--I SWEAR IT!
DON'T LEAVE ME! I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU WANT--I'LL EVEN STAY HERE AND LISTEN TO THE JUKE-BOX...
DON'T DO ME ANY FAVORS! NOW IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I STILL WANT TO SEE SOMEONE!
I'LL WAIT! MAYBE HE'LL COME BACK TO ME...
♪ HAIL, HAIL, THE GANG'S ALL HERE... ♪
COZY CORNER MENU
BUT THE ICY CHILL IN MY HEART TOLD ME IT WAS USELESS! BARRY'S HAPPY VOICE, BLENDING WITH THE CROWD'S, RANG IN MY EARS LIKE A DIRGE--A FUNERAL DIRGE FOR THE DEATH OF MY SELFISH DREAMS, THE END OF MY PERFECT LOVE!
The End
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OF COURSE YOU USED A SUN-TAN LOTION TO ACQUIRE YOUR GOLDEN SUMMER TAN, BUT DO YOU KNOW THAT YOUR SKIN NEEDS THE PROTECTION OF THAT SAME LOTION EVEN WHEN SUMMER'S OVER? USE IT REGULARLY TO KEEP YOUR SKIN FROM BECOMING ROUGH AND DRY WHILE YOUR TAN FADES!
COMPLEXION CARE
IF YOUR SKIN BREAKS OUT, DON'T CRY...CLEAN! WASH YOUR FACE SEVERAL TIMES A DAY WITH HOT, SOAPY WATER, RINSE WITH COLD. USE CLEAN COTTON PADS INSTEAD OF A POWDER PUFF. NEVER USE THE SAME WASH CLOTH OR TOWEL ON YOUR FACE TWICE AND AVOID GREASY MAKE-UP!
HEAVY MAKE-UP ISN'T GOOD FOR ANYBODY'S SKIN, BUT IF YOUR COMPLEXION IS LESS THAN PERFECT, YOU CAN HIDE YOUR SECRET WITH CLEVER COSMETICS. USE A SLIGHTLY TINTED FOUNDATION AND A LITTLE *EXTRA* DUSTING OF FACE POWDER THAT'S *EXACTLY* THE RIGHT SHADE FOR YOU!
HAIR-DO HINTS
NO!
YES!
IF YOU'RE TALL AND SLENDER, A SHORT, SEVERE HAIR-DO IS *WRONG* FOR YOU. PILING YOUR HAIR HIGH ON YOUR HEAD ONLY EMPHASIZES YOUR HEIGHT. A FLUFFY STYLE, FLAT ON TOP AND PARTLY COVERING YOUR NECK IS WHAT YOU NEED INSTEAD!
NO!
YES!
IF YOU'RE SHORT AND--*AHEM*--PLUMP, A SOFT WELL-GROOMED HAIR-DO, BRUSHED UPWARDS TO BARE YOUR NECK WILL HELP TO MAKE YOU LOOK TALLER AND SLIMMER. NEVER, *NEVER* WEAR A BUSHY STYLE, TIGHT CURLS OR WAVES TO HIDE YOUR NECKLINE!

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Dear Doris:

I am 15 years of age and very much in love with a boy of 17 He took me out a few times, then told me he was going with another girl.

His mother says he's *not* going with anyone, and the girl says she doesn't even know him. What do you think? *L. S., Ontario, Canada*

I'm sorry to have to say that it appears to me that the boy lied in order to break off with you quickly and easily. He should have been honest and straightforward with you. Since he wasn't, he isn't worthy of your love.

Dear Doris,

I go steady with a boy in the Navy. I love him, and he says he loves me, but he doesn't trust me.

He wants to get married, although he has three more years to go in the service. Should I marry him now or wait? *J. C., Milton, Pa.*

Marriage is not a cure-all. It won't change your boy-friend or you. And in this case, it might very likely make the situation worse. If he's distrustful about a girl-friend, ***imagine how suspicious he'll be of a wife! It would be much better to wait until he is mature enough to give you his trust as well as his love!***

Dear Doris,

I am 17 and in love with a girl who is 14. She loves me, too. We broke up because of the age difference.

Would it be wise and right to make up with her again? *F. H., Jr., Tacoma, Wash.*

By all means! Adolescent girls often mature more quickly than boys, so the difference in your ages may not be so great as it seems! If you love each other and share similar interests and tastes, that's all that counts!

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Give Me More More More
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THRILL-CRAZY!
COME ON, BABY! YOU CAN STAY OUT A BIT LATER! DON'T YOU LIKE MY KISSING ANYMORE? COME ON--DON'T BE SO COLD!
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...SO I TOLD MR. FAIRWAY THAT MY MARKS COULD HAVE BEEN BETTER, AND HE--
PLEASE, TED! MUST WE ALWAYS TALK ABOUT SCHOOL? THERE ARE OTHER THINGS, YOU KNOW!
UH--I'M SORRY, DEBBIE! BUT YOU'RE SO--SO UNDER-STANDING THAT IT JUST COMES NATURALLY! CAN I SEE YOU TONIGHT? SOME OF THE CROWD ARE GOING SKATING...
I--I DON'T KNOW! CALL ME LATER, TED! MAYBE MOTHER WANTS ME TO HELP AROUND THE HOUSE THIS EVENING!
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BUT I KNEW THAT I WOULD DO NO SUCH THING! INSTEAD, MOTHER WOULD MOST LIKELY WANT ME TO GO OUT OF THE HOUSE FOR A CHANGE! I HARDLY EVER HAD DATES ON WEEK NIGHTS BECAUSE OF MY SCHOOL-WORK. ANYWAY, NONE OF THE BOYS I KNEW ATTRACTED ME! SO THAT NIGHT, I CURLED UP IN THE FOYER WATCHING TV AS USUAL...
DEAR--WASN'T THAT TED WHO CALLED JUST NOW? ARE YOU SEEING HIM THIS EVENING?
NO, MOTHER! I'D RATHER STAY HOME TONIGHT. I'M TIRED!
I COULDN'T TELL MY MOTHER THAT TED AND ALL THE OTHERS SIMPLY BORED ME! SHE WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND! WHAT I WANTED AND DREAMED ABOUT WAS THE LIFE I SAW ON MY TV SCREEN--THE LIFE OF THE BIG CITIES--FUN, THRILLS, LIVING FAST AND FURIOUSLY! WELL--THE VERY NEXT MORNING IN SCHOOL, IT ALL BEGAN...
WONDER WHO THAT BOY IS? HE MUST HAVE ENROLLED HERE THIS MORNING! UMM--IS HE GOOD-LOOKING!
I FOUND OUT THAT HIS NAME WAS JOHN FALON. HE AND HIS OLDER BROTHER HAD RECENTLY MOVED TO HASTINGS, AND NOW HE WAS IN MY CLASS! DURING LUNCH HOUR, I SAW HIM AGAIN...
I DON'T HAVE ANY CHANGE BUT CAN YOU BREAK THIS TWENTY-DOLLAR BILL? SORRY TO TROUBLE YOU!
HE MUST BE VERY RICH! HE DRESSES POSITIVELY GORGEOUSLY! AND LOOK AT THE WAY HE CARRIES HIMSELF! I THINK I'D LIKE TO MEET HIM...
BUT I SAID NOTHING AND DID NOTHING FOR FEAR I WOULD BE TOO CONSPICUOUS. I WAS TRYING TO THINK OF SOME WAY TO APPROACH HIM LATER IN THE DAY, AFTER WE HAD ALL GOTTEN OUT FROM CLASSES, WHEN I HEARD A HONKING FROM ACROSS THE STREET...
DON'T LOOK NOW, DEBBIE--BUT I THINK IT'S THAT HANDSOME JOHNNIE FALON!
OH, HIM? I DIDN'T KNOW HE HAD A CAR!
BEEP BEEP
HELLO, THERE! I HOPE YOU WON'T THINK I'M A WOLF OR ANYTHING, BUT I SAW YOU IN CLASS--AND WELL--CAN I DRIVE YOU HOME?
WELL--I--I BETTER NOT! BUT THANK YOU FOR THE INVITATION! MY NAME'S DEBBIE NICHOLS!
I GUESS YOU KNOW MY NAME, ALL RIGHT! WELL--I'LL BE SEEING YOU, DEBBIE!
OHHH--THAT CONCEITED CHARACTER! HE'S SO--SO SURE OF HIMSELF! IF HE EVER SAID THAT TO ME...
BUT HE DIDN'T, JOYCE! HE WAS TALKING TO ME!
AND HE'S SO THRILLING--!
VVVVPROOOMM


IN THAT FIRST DAY OF KNOWING JOHNNIE FALON, I COULD SEE THAT HE WAS DIFFERENT FROM ALL THE OTHER BOYS I HAD KNOWN IN HASTINGS! HE WAS MORE OF A MAN SOMEHOW--MORE CONFIDENT AND INDEPENDENT THAN ANYONE I HAD EVER MET! I WAS IN MY ROOM THAT NIGHT, THINKING ABOUT HIM, WHEN...
HI, DEBBIE! WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO FOR A LITTLE SPIN?
SHHH! YOU'LL DISTURB THE NEIGHBORS! WAIT--I'LL BE RIGHT DOWN!
I RAN DOWN THE STEPS BEFORE MOTHER OR ANYONE ELSE COULD SEE HIM. I DON'T KNOW WHY I SHOULD HAVE BEEN SO EXCITED--EXCEPT THAT I WAS! MY HEART WAS BEATING WILDLY--AND MY BREATH CAME QUICKLY, UNEVENLY...
HOW--HOW DID YOU FIND OUT WHERE I LIVED?
EASY! ONE OF THE GUYS TOLD ME! COME ON--I WON'T TAKE YOU TOO FAR AWAY FROM YOUR HOUSE. ALL I WANT IS TO TALK TO YOU--AND I COULDN'T DO THAT IN SCHOOL!
NO--I--OHH--WHY NOT? ALL RIGHT, JOHNNIE! BUT ONLY FOR A LITTLE WHILE! WE HAVE SCHOOL TOMORROW, YOU KNOW!
SURE--I KNOW THAT! BUT I SORTA FIGURED YOU'RE THE KIND OF GIRL THAT LIKES SOME REAL FUN! OKAY--HERE WE GO!
WE DROVE FAST AND FURIOUSLY THROUGH THE COUNTRYSIDE, LAUGHING AND SINGING AT THE TOP OF OUR LUNGS! I HAD NEVER ENJOYED MYSELF AS MUCH AS I DID THEN! MOMENTS LATER, WE PARKED IN A BEAUTIFUL NOOK, RIGHT IN LOVERS' LANE...
YOU'RE SWELL, DEBBIE! I'VE KNOWN A LOT OF GIRLS IN THE CITY--BUT YOU'RE THE FIRST ONE I'VE MET HERE WHO I REALLY GO FOR! I'M CRAZY ABOUT YOU!
PLEASE, JOHNNIE! DON'T SPOIL IT! I--I HARDLY KNOW YOU! PLEASE DON'T MAKE ME PUSH YOU AWAY!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO! ALL I WANT TO DO IS--THIS!
OHHHH...
COME ON, HONEY! JUST ONE MORE! I'VE FALLEN FOR YOU! DON'T BE SO COLD!
I--I'VE NEVER DONE ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE! PLEASE TAKE ME HOME, JOHNNIE! PLEASE! IT'S GETTING LATE!
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JOHNNIE BROUGHT ME HOME, APOLOGIZING FOR HIS BEHAVIOR. I DIDN'T ANSWER HIM --I DIDN'T DARE, FOR FEAR I'D BURST INTO TEARS! I HURRIED INTO THE HOUSE AND WENT TO BED, BUT HIS KISSES HAD AROUSED ME MORE THAN I CARED TO ADMIT...
OH, JOHNNIE... JOHNNIE...WHY DID I LET YOU KISS ME-- WHY? I LOVE YOU! I LOVE YOU!
IN SCHOOL THE NEXT DAY, I HAD TO SHOW JOHNNIE THAT I REALLY WASN'T ANGRY, BUT I COULDN'T GO RIGHT UP TO HIM IN FRONT OF ALL THE OTHERS! INSTEAD, I WAITED UNTIL HE APPEARED IN THE HALL BETWEEN CLASSES, AND...
HELLO, JOHNNIE! THANK YOU FOR ASKING TO DRIVE ME HOME YESTERDAY AFTERNOON!
THANKS FOR NOT BEING SORE ABOUT--UH--ABOUT MY CALLING OUT TO YOU THAT WAY IN THE STREET!
JOHNNIE UNDERSTOOD IMMEDIATELY! HE WAITED FOR ME AROUND THE CORNER THAT AFTERNOON, AND TOOK ME HOME. AND THAT NIGHT, I DRESSED UP AND SLIPPED DOWN THE STAIRS, WAITING EAGERLY THIS TIME FOR HIM TO SHOW UP...
IF YOU'RE GOING TO A DANCE, DEAR... DON'T COME HOME TOO LATE!
I WON'T, MOTHER! UH--ONE OF THE BOYS IN SCHOOL ASKED ME OUT! HE'LL BRING ME HOME EARLY!
I DON'T KNOW WHY I DIDN'T TELL MY FOLKS ABOUT JOHNNIE FALON. BUT SOMETHING MADE ME HIDE MY ASSOCIATION WITH HIM! JOHNNIE MEANT THRILLS, AND EXCITEMENT TO ME--AND ALL THE THINGS I HAD SECRETLY WISHED I COULD DO! AND I HAD GUESSED RIGHT, FOR LATER THAT NIGHT AT A PARTY HE HAD TAKEN ME TO...
HOW DO YOU LIKE THIS JOINT, BABY? THIS IS THE WILDEST PARTY IN TOWN!
OH--I'M ENJOYING MYSELF--AS LONG AS I'M HERE WITH YOU!
THEN GIVE ME A KISS, DEBBIE--A REAL BIG ONE!
OH, JOHNNIE--JOHNNIE!
I WAS UTTERLY FASCINATED BY THE BIG-TIME LIFE AND WAY OF LIVING HE TOLD ME ABOUT! JOHNNIE HAD BEEN ALMOST EVERYWHERE, AND THE PICTURES OF THE WORLD HE PAINTED FOR ME MADE ME ALL THE MORE DESIROUS OF BEING WITH HIM! WE WENT TO A HUNDRED PLACES--DID A HUNDRED WILD THINGS--AND I FOUND ALL THE EXCITEMENT AND THRILLS I'D EVER LONGED FOR!
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BUT I WAS NEGLECTING MY WORK! MY GRADES BEGAN TO SLIP. EVEN MY SCHOOL CHUMS NOTICED A CHANGE IN ME, BUT I DIDN'T CARE! I WAS SICK AND TIRED OF BEING A LITTLE GIRL! I HAD SEEN A GLIMPSE OF LIFE--HASTY THOUGH IT WAS--AND I WAS DETERMINED TO HAVE IT FOR MYSELF!
LET THEM TALK! THEY'RE JUST JEALOUS OF ME, THAT'S ALL! OHH--I CAN HARDLY WAIT FOR JOHNNIE TO TAKE ME TO THE NIGHTCLUB TONIGHT!
JOHNNIE TALKED CONSTANTLY ABOUT HIS OLDER BROTHER WHO HAD BEEN BOTH FATHER AND MOTHER TO HIM EVER SINCE THEIR PARENTS HAD DIED MANY YEARS BEFORE. NORM FALON OWNED A NEW NITE-SPOT IN TOWN AND THAT WAS WHERE WE WENT THAT EVENING...
WELL--HOW DO YOU LIKE IT, HONEY? IT'S A SNAZZY PLACE, ISN'T IT?
OH, YES! THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER BEEN IN A REAL NITE CLUB!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, KID? I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU NEVER TO COME HERE!
HI, NORM! DEBBIE--THIS IS MY BROTHER!
P-PLEASED TO MEET YOU, MR. FALON!
BUT JOHNNIE'S BROTHER DIDN'T EVEN LOOK MY WAY! HE SEEMED ANGRY ABOUT SOMETHING. JOHNNIE'S FACE TURNED WHITE WITH TENSION AS TWO BIG, EVIL-LOOKING MEN WALKED TOWARDS US...
DID YOU BRING THE CAR HERE WITH YOU TONIGHT? COME HERE, MAXY!
YES, I--I DID! I KNOW YOU TOLD ME NOT TO, NORM--BUT I WANTED TO SHOW DEBBIE YOUR PLACE!
YOU CRAZY KID! YOU OUGHT TO KNOW BETTER! IT'S A MIRACLE YOU DIDN'T GET INTO AN ACCIDENT! THAT CAR HAS A BROKEN SPRING! MAX--TAKE THEM HOME--RIGHT NOW!
OKAY, BOSS!
SOMETHING IS WRONG HERE! HE'S TOO FRIGHTENED!
THE HEAVY-SET MAN ESCORTED US INTO ANOTHER CAR WITHOUT A WORD, AND DROVE US HOME. MOMENTS LATER, I GOT OUT OF THE CAR IN FRONT OF MY HOUSE, AND BARELY MANAGED AN AUDIBLE "GOODNIGHT" TO JOHNNIE, WHO TRIED HARD TO HIDE HIS NERVOUSNESS...
GOODNIGHT, HONEY! I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW!
YES, JOHNNIE...I--UH--I HOPE WE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING TO MAKE YOUR BROTHER ANGRY! GOODNIGHT...
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THE NEXT MORNING IN SCHOOL I HAD ALMOST FORGOTTEN THE INCIDENT. I WAS BUSY WITH AN EXAMINATION IN CLASS, WHEN MR. STANTON, THE PRINCIPAL, WALKED IN, FLANKED BY TWO MEN...
DEBBIE... MR. STANTON WANTS TO SEE YOU OUTSIDE! YOU'RE EXCUSED!
ME? YES--OF COURSE!
WHAT'S HAPPENED? WHAT COULD BE WRONG?
A SHIVER OF FEAR COURSED DOWN MY SPINE. I HASTILY WENT OVER IN MY MIND WHAT I COULD HAVE DONE, BUT I COULD FIND NOTHING SO TERRIBLE! YET, I TREMBLED IN UNCERTAINTY, EXPECTING THE WORST, AND SURE ENOUGH...
THESE MEN ARE FROM THE POLICE, MISS NICHOLS! YOU ARE IMPLICATED IN A VERY SERIOUS MATTER! YOU HAD BETTER GO WITH THEM!
IT--IT'S ABOUT JOHNNIE AND HIS BROTHER! IT'S ABOUT LAST NIGHT! I KNEW IT! I KNEW IT! OHHH...
I MUST HAVE FAINTED, FOR THE NEXT THING I KNEW, I WAS HOME IN BED. THERE WAS AN EXCITED BABBLE OF VOICES OUTSIDE MY ROOM. MY PARENTS' VOICES WERE AMONG THEM, AND TO MY HORROR, I HEARD THE WORD "MURDER" MENTIONED! IT WAS WORSE THAN ANYTHING I'D EVER IMAGINED...
DAILY STAR
NORMAN FALON, NIGHT CLUB OWNER CONFESSES MURDER OF BUSINESS RIVAL!
MURDER CAR FOUND IN FRONT OF CLUB, DRIVEN BY YOUNGER BROTHER!
PRETTY SCHOOL GIRL FRIEND OF BOTH BROTHERS!
I NEEDN'T DESCRIBE THE HOURS AND DAYS OF ENDLESS QUESTIONING --OF HAVING TO SUBMIT TO ALL SORTS OF LEGAL EXAMINATIONS-- TO ALL KINDS OF HUMILIATING INCIDENTS! THEN, MANY DAYS AFTERWARDS, I STOOD BEFORE THE COURT, SHAKING WITH FRIGHT...
I ABSOLVE THIS GIRL OF ALL GUILT! SHE IS AN INNOCENT DUPE! THE YOUNGER FALON IS ALSO BLAMELESS. BUT BOTH ARE AT FAULT FOR THEIR DELINQUENT BEHAVIOR!
OH, MOTHER-- FATHER... I-I'VE DISGRACED YOU! (SOB...SOB...)
WE'RE ALSO TO BLAME, DEBBIE! WE SHOULD HAVE PAID CLOSER ATTENTION TO YOUR FRIENDS!
COME ON, DEAR! THIS NIGHTMARE IS OVER! YOU'RE GOING HOME WITH US!
ALL THIS HAPPENED MANY MONTHS AGO. NORMAN FALON IS IN PRISON NOW, ALONG WITH HIS HENCHMEN. JOHNNIE FALON HAS LEFT TOWN, NEVER TO RETURN. AS FOR ME, PEOPLE STILL TALK BEHIND MY BACK! THEY ALWAYS WILL, I GUESS...
ALL THE ROMANCE I CAN LOOK FOR HERE IN HASTINGS IS ENDED! BUT I'VE LEARNED MY LESSON! SOMEDAY, SOMEWHERE, I'LL FIND HAPPINESS--BUT I'LL NEVER AGAIN MAKE THE TRAGIC MISTAKE OF BEING THRILL-CRAZY!
THE END
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HEARTBREAK

Hank Marlowe was everything I'd ever dreamed of in a man . . . everything I'd ever wanted. The very first time I set eyes on him I had that strange, throbbing feeling that we'd met somewhere before, that we'd known each other *intimately* at another time . . . in another world . . . another life! It was so strong and urgent a feeling that I couldn't help blurting out right there and then, "P-pardon me . . . but haven't we met before?"

I remember even now how his cool gray eyes raked over me. "You're a little bit behind the times, aren't you, sugar?" was what he said. "That routine was popular in your grandmother's day!"

I had blushed to the roots of my hair in an agony of shame-faced embarrassment. I hadn't realized, of course, how it would sound. It was so real to me . . . so very real! And that was our first encounter, Hank's and mine . . . a gloomy, heart-breaking prophecy of things to come.

For the situation between us never improved. That first meeting had set the tone of our entire relationship. I saw him in school nearly every day . . . I yearned for one smile, one kind word, one touch from him . . . and he kept brushing me off, politely but oh, so firmly. I fell more wholly and truly in love with him each time he came near me . . . and he paid no more attention to me than if I'd been an annoying *bug* of some kind!

Oh, it was understandable all right. Hank was a campus hero — president of the senior class, star quarterback of the football team, captain of the baseball team, tall, blonde and almost unbelievably handsome! And I . . . I was just plain Sally Briggs, pretty in an unspectacular sort of way, an average student, and not president of anything! With every other girl in school falling all over him, how could I expect Hank Marlowe to know I was even *alive?*

So I ate my heart out in secret, dreaming a dream I thought could never come true . . . until that never-to-be-forgotten day when everything I'd longed for so desperately became mine for the asking! For the first time since I'd known him, Hank approached *me.* "Look, Sally," he said nervously, "I-I'm in something of a spot, and you can help me out of it! All you have to do is say —if anybody asks you—that you were out with me last night. Will you do it?"

"Of course, Hank!" I stammered. "B-but *why?*"

He didn't answer — not then — but I found out soon enough. I found out when the coach summoned me to his office, when I swore to him that I had been with Hank till after midnight the night before, when he threatened to have me *expelled from school* unless I told the truth! I found out that Hank had been seen in a local tavern with a couple of notorious gamblers, that the police had picked up these men, and that they had confessed to bribing Hank to throw the game that was coming up that weekend! Hank himself had denied everything, of course. He'd told the coach and the police that it was a case of mistaken identity, that he'd been out with *me* that night! What could I do? I loved him, and in his need, it was *I* to whom he'd turned after all! I clung to my story . . .

The coach let me go finally, and Hank was waiting for me outside. "It — it's all right . . . I think!" I told him gently. "But I must know one thing, Hank. Why *me* . . . why did you ask *me?*"

Those gray eyes were never colder than when he answered, half-smilingly, "I know you're nuts about me, baby! I knew I could count on you for anything!"

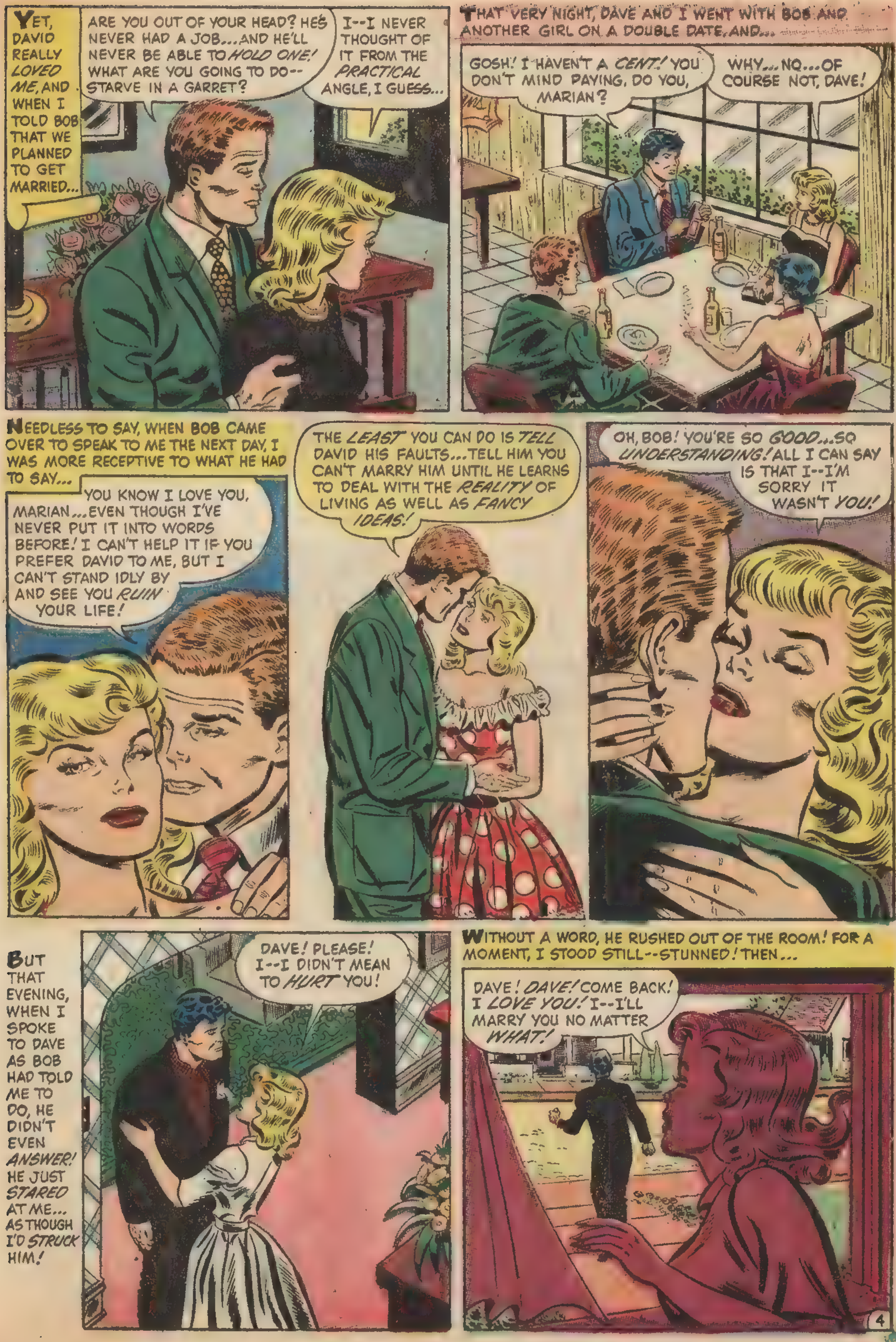
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I'm waiting in the Dean's office now. I've told them all the truth — the Dean, the coach, the police — all of them. I don't know what they're going to do to me . . . I don't much care. Someday things will matter again, I guess. Right now, nothing does . . .


I WAS BROUGHT UP BY MY AUNT SARA, AND SHE WAS SO HARSH THAT FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER, I YEARNED FOR TENDERNESS AND UNDERSTANDING! BUT HOW COULD MY LOVE-STARVED HEART EVEN RECOGNIZE THESE THINGS WHEN THEY CAME? HOW COULD I HELP BEING...
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THERE! HE EVEN FORGOT TO SHOW UP FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY PARTY! NOW WILL YOU GIVE HIM UP, YOU LITTLE FOOL?
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I USED TO WORK AFTER SCHOOL, AND WHEN I CAME HOME...
AFTER THE DISHES THERE'S SOME IRONING WAITING. AND NO COMPLAINTS, MIND YOU... YOU'LL HAVE ENOUGH TIME FOR GOING OUT WHEN YOU'RE OLDER!
IF I COULD ONLY HAVE DATES, AND TIME FOR PARTIES... LIKE OTHER GIRLS!
THE ONLY KINDNESS AND WARMTH I RECEIVED WAS FROM BOB DANIELS, THE BOY NEXT DOOR...
BOB... DID YOU UNDERSTAND THE HISTORY ASSIGNMENT MISS BILLINGS GAVE US?
SURE... AND SO WOULD YOU... IF YOU'D HAD TIME TO STUDY THE NIGHT BEFORE! I'LL COME OVER LATER AND HELP YOU WITH IT, MARIAN.
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AT NIGHT, WHEN I REVIEWED THE EVENTS OF EACH BITTER, LONELY DAY...
WHY CAN'T AUNT SARA BE MORE UNDERSTANDING? OH, IF ONLY I COULD CRY ON BOB'S SHOULDER...HE'D KNOW HOW I FEEL!
THEN ONE NIGHT, WHEN AUNT SARA HAD FINALLY GIVEN ME A LITTLE VACATION FROM CHORES, I WAS SITTING ALONE IN THE PARK...
DON'T CHANGE YOUR EXPRESSION! I WANT TO TRY AND FIGURE OUT WHAT IT MEANS!
WH-WHAT? WHO ARE YOU?
DON'T BE AFRAID! I'M NOT CRAZY...I'M JUST A WRITER! I ALWAYS PLAY A GAME WITH MY-SELF--TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT PEOPLE ARE THINKING--FROM THE EXPRESSIONS ON THEIR FACES!
THERE'S SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL AND SAD IN YOUR FACE. I THINK... I THINK YOU WERE WAITING FOR SOMEONE... SOMEONE YOU'VE NEVER MET, BUT WOULD LIKE TO MEET!
WHY, YES! I AM!
SUDDENLY, I BLUSHED WITH EMBARRASS-MENT AS I REALIZED THE IMPLICATION OF WHAT I HAD SAID...
DON'T MISUNDERSTAND ME. I--I'M NOT JUST WAITING FOR SOMEONE TO PICK ME UP!
I KNOW. I CAN TELL FROM THE SAD SWEETNESS OF YOUR VOICE THAT YOU'RE WAITING FOR A DREAM! TELL ME ABOUT IT, WON'T YOU?
WE TALKED INTENTLY FOR HOURS, AND THEN...
NO! DON'T! I--I HARDLY KNOW YOU!
THAT'S NOT SO! YOU KNOW ME BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE YOU'VE EVER MET!
I FORGOT EVERYTHING IN THE THRILL OF HIS KISS...AND MY HEART THROBBED MADLY WITH A SUDDEN INTENSITY OF YEARNING!
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THAT KISS GAVE ME COURAGE SOMEHOW, AND WHEN I GOT HOME...
HOW DARE YOU COME HOME AT THIS HOUR? YOU'LL BE ALL WORN OUT TOMORROW! --AND THERE'S SO MUCH WORK TO BE DONE!
I DON'T INTEND TO DO IT! FROM NOW ON, I'M GOING OUT, JUST AS OTHER GIRLS MY AGE DO!
I CONTRIBUTE ENOUGH FOR MY BED AND BOARD, AND WHAT I DO WITH MY TIME AFTER WORK, IS MY OWN BUSINESS!
WHY, YOU--YOU UNGRATEFUL WRETCH! AFTER ALL I'VE DONE FOR YOU! I SHOULD THROW YOU OUT RIGHT NOW!
AUNT SARA RAGED AND STORMED, BUT I HAD MY OWN WAY. I SAW A LOT OF DAVID, AND FOR A WHILE I WAS HAPPY BEYOND WORDS. THEN I BEGAN TO NOTICE THINGS I HADN'T NOTICED BEFORE. ONE NIGHT, WHEN HE WAS TO MEET ME AT A PARTY...
WE'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT YOUR DAVID...BUT NOW I'M WONDERING IF HE'S REAL!
DID HE FORGET...OR DOES HE ALWAYS ARRIVE A FEW HOURS LATE?
I WAS TONGUE-TIED WITH HUMILIATION, AND WHEN DAVID FINALLY ARRIVED...
SORRY, MARIAN. I SUDDENLY GOT AN IDEA FOR A STORY AND JUST SAT DOWN IN THE PARK UNTIL I GOT IT ON PAPER!
HE ISN'T EVEN AWARE OF THE ANGUISH HE CAUSED ME...AND THOSE CLOTHES ...THEY LOOK AS THOUGH HE SLEPT IN THEM!
AND THEN, ANOTHER TIME...
DAVID! YOU--YOU'VE JUST KISSED ANOTHER GIRL! YOU HAVE LIPSTICK ALL OVER YOUR FACE!
OH, THAT! GUESS I SHOULD HAVE WIPED OFF THE INCRIMINATING EVIDENCE! NO REASON FOR JEALOUSY, THOUGH--A GIRL I'VE KNOWN FOR YEARS HAD A BIRTHDAY!
IT SEEMED AS IF DAVID JUST WASN'T AWARE OF THE ORDINARY RULES OF BEHAVIOR...AND THOUGH I TRIED TO TELL MYSELF IT DIDN'T MATTER, IT DID!
POOR MARIAN! WHAT A FOOL SHE'S MAKING OF HERSELF OVER THAT IRRESPONSIBLE DAVID!
SHHH! HERE SHE COMES NOW!
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YET, DAVID REALLY LOVED ME, AND WHEN I TOLD BOB THAT WE PLANNED TO GET MARRIED...
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR HEAD? HE'S NEVER HAD A JOB...AND HE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO HOLD ONE! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO--STARVE IN A GARRET?
I--I NEVER THOUGHT OF IT FROM THE PRACTICAL ANGLE, I GUESS...
THAT VERY NIGHT, DAVE AND I WENT WITH BOB AND ANOTHER GIRL ON A DOUBLE DATE, AND...
GOSH! I HAVEN'T A CENT! YOU DON'T MIND PAYING, DO YOU, MARIAN?
WHY...NO...OF COURSE NOT, DAVE!
NEEDLESS TO SAY, WHEN BOB CAME OVER TO SPEAK TO ME THE NEXT DAY, I WAS MORE RECEPTIVE TO WHAT HE HAD TO SAY...
YOU KNOW I LOVE YOU, MARIAN...EVEN THOUGH I'VE NEVER PUT IT INTO WORDS BEFORE! I CAN'T HELP IT IF YOU PREFER DAVID TO ME, BUT I CAN'T STAND IDLY BY AND SEE YOU RUIN YOUR LIFE!
THE LEAST YOU CAN DO IS TELL DAVID HIS FAULTS...TELL HIM YOU CAN'T MARRY HIM UNTIL HE LEARNS TO DEAL WITH THE REALITY OF LIVING AS WELL AS FANCY IDEAS!
OH, BOB! YOU'RE SO GOOD...SO UNDERSTANDING! ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT I--I'M SORRY IT WASN'T YOU!
BUT THAT EVENING, WHEN I SPOKE TO DAVE AS BOB HAD TOLD ME TO DO, HE DIDN'T EVEN ANSWER! HE JUST STARED AT ME...AS THOUGH I'D STRUCK HIM!
DAVE! PLEASE! I--I DIDN'T MEAN TO HURT YOU!
WITHOUT A WORD, HE RUSHED OUT OF THE ROOM! FOR A MOMENT, I STOOD STILL--STUNNED! THEN...
DAVE! DAVE! COME BACK! I LOVE YOU! I--I'LL MARRY YOU NO MATTER WHAT!



BUT HE DIDN'T COME BACK, AND MONTHS PASSED WITHOUT A WORD FROM HIM! I COULDN'T FIND HIM, EITHER--HE'D MOVED OUT OF HIS APARTMENT--NEVER APPEARED IN HIS USUAL HAUNTS--ALMOST AS THOUGH HE'D DELIBERATELY VANISHED FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH...!
I KNOW YOU WERE RIGHT, BOB! I HAD TO TELL HIM WHAT I DID, BUT I--I WISH I HADN'T!
MARIAN, YOU MUST FORGET HIM! YOU MUST!
I WAS LONELY AND DESOLATE, AND VERY HEARTSICK, BUT BOB WAS ALWAYS THERE TO COMFORT AND CONSOLE ME! AND THEN ONE DAY...
MARIAN... WILL YOU MARRY ME?
I'LL NEVER FORGET DAVE...BUT IT'S BEST THIS WAY! BOB'S SO--SO KIND AND COMPETENT...
YES, BOB --I WILL!
HOW STRANGE FATE IS! IT WAS BARELY A WEEK LATER THAT I RECEIVED THE PACKAGE. THERE WAS A BOOK INSIDE, AND WHEN I OPENED IT...
HE--HE HASN'T FORGOTTEN ME! HE WROTE THIS BOOK... FOR ME...TO PROVE HE COULD ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING REAL!
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TO MARIAN... WITHOUT WHOSE INSPIRATION AND GUIDANCE, THIS BOOK WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN WRITTEN
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BUT I WAS ENGAGED TO BOB! WHAT COULD I DO? WHAT SHOULD I DO? AND THEN FATE STEPPED IN AGAIN! THAT VERY EVENING, WHILE I WAS TRYING DESPERATELY TO EXPLAIN TO BOB WHAT HAD HAPPENED, IN WALKED ...DAVE!
I ONLY STOPPED BY TO...TO WISH YOU HAPPINESS, DEAR! I--I'VE HEARD ABOUT YOU--AND BOB! I DON'T BLAME YOU...I WANTED TO PROVE MYSELF BEFORE I CAME BACK...AND I GUESS I WAS JUST TOO LATE...AGAIN!
I GUESS I'M THE FOOL THIS TIME, BUT YOU'RE NOT TOO LATE, DAVE! I SEE THE LOOK IN MARIAN'S EYES, AND I KNOW...WELL... GOOD LUCK--BOTH OF YOU!
BOB!!
HE'S RIGHT! REMEMBER-- OUR FIRST MEETING--I CAN READ MINDS!
YES... HE'S RIGHT... IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE! HE'S THE ONE WHO REALLY INSPIRED YOUR BOOK, DAVE! HE TOLD ME WHAT TO SAY TO YOU!
HE'S QUITE A GUY! I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU PREFER ME!
I GUESS I'M JUST A FOOL, DARLING... BUT THIS TIME I HAVE A FEELING I'M BEING A SMART FOOL!
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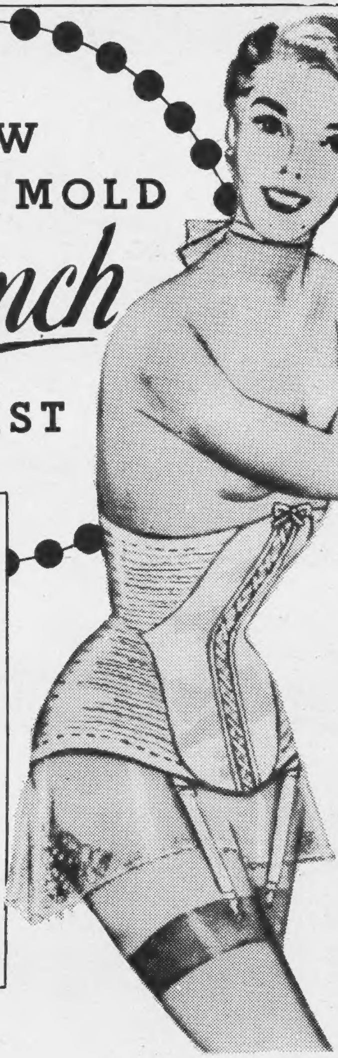
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